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Hunter Huss running back Edward Byrd has nowhere to run as the South Point defense wraps him up.

The Real Deal

South Point steamrolls struggling Huss

PREP SCOREBOARD

SOUTH POINT	27
HUNTER HUSS	0
BURNS	50
FORESTVIEW	0
KINGS MOUNTAIN	21
BUTLER	3
MOORESVILLE	47
BESSEMER CITY	0
ASHBROOK	42
LINCOLNTON	0
NORTH GASTON	49
CHERRYVILLE	12
EAST LINCOLN	20
EAST GASTON	7
BUNKER HILL	40
WEST LINCOLN	14

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BELMONT — Devon Lowery isn't quite old enough to drive, but give him the keys to the South Point offense and the sophomore quarterback turns into a swerving version of a prime Dale Earnhardt.

Lowery left skidmarks all over the back of Hunter Huss on Friday night, guiding the Raiders' cherry-red attack to a 27-0 win over the Huskies with 155 yards, a touchdown and a handful of rabbit-out-of-the-hat moves that kept the offensive engine humming.

"He's got 100 percent control out there," said South Point coach John Devine of Lowery. "He has the freedom to make every decision on every play. We don't give the ball off to anybody, it's an option and we take what the defense gives us."

Lowery called his own number 13 times against the Huskies — nine in the first half — sucking them in with a fake to the fullback, slowing their momentum with a fake pitch to the tailback and finally breaking their

ankles with his cutting moves up the field.

"I just took what they gave me," Lowery said. "I figured their ends would be tougher than that. I thought they'd be crashing in pretty hard, but they didn't and I just had fun."

Lowery's fun came at the expense of Huss, which had hoped Friday's game would be a return to form after back-to-back beatings in South Carolina.

"I'm very, very disappointed," said a nearly inaudible Steve Gardner after the game. "I really thought we'd come back and play better than this."

Early on, the Huskies looked as if they were primed for a triumphant return to the state. They stuffed South Point's Jeremy Jackson on three straight carries, then drove 42 yards in 11 plays to the Raiders' 34-yard line before the surge ended with a sack of quarterback Jeremy Jefferies.

From there, South Point flicked the switch on its offense and left Huss in the dust.



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Lashawn Brazil of Huss runs around the end.

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Huss

Lowery set the tone on the Raiders' next drive, pulling out two first downs and 28 rushing yards to set up Jackson's 3-yard plunge into the end zone.

Down 7-0, the Huskies once again mounted an impressive 51-yard drive, only to have it flutter away with three straight incomplete pass from Jefferies.

South Point responded with another touchdown. This time Lowery rushed for 47 yards, converted three first downs and pulled the Raiders out of a third-and-26 situation to pave the way for Chris Stowe's 10-yard scoring run to make it 14-0 at halftime.

Things would never get better for Hunter Huss. Even after apparently derailing South Point's opening drive of the second half — forcing a fourth-and-34 — a roughing-the-punter call set Lowery and his mates up on the Huskies' doorstep. Six plays later, Jerrie Williams scored from 21

yards out to make it 21-0.

All that was left was a touchdown that Lowery could call his own.

That came early in the fourth quarter after a Huss fumble. Just trying to run out the clock, Lowery faked to the fullback, mimicked a quick toss to Jackson and looked upfield to see acres of Huskie-free territory. Lowery turned on the engines and 89 yards later put the finishing touches on a most impressive win.

"When I got to about the 10- or 20-(yard line), I started struggling," Lowery said of his 89-yard run. "But I remembered what coach said about sucking it up in the fourth quarter, so I started swerving and made it into the end zone."

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South Point	7 7 7 6 — 27

SP — Jeremy Jackson 3 run (Phillip Wright kick)

SP — Chris Stowe 10 run (Wright kick)

SP — Jerrie Williams 21 run (Wright kick)

SP — Devon Lowery 89 run (kick blocked)